

*Agrius convolvuli* (L.), *Convolvulus* Hawkmoth. One male was found on 24.viii.76 on a footpath in Acorn Road, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Mrs. Polwarth). A second male was brought on 30.viii.76 from Wreckenton, three miles S.S.-E. of Gateshead (C. Bain). A third specimen was reported on 15.ix.76, taken at Whitley Bay on a garage door by Mr. D. Deas (J. McConway). A fourth specimen (male) was taken on 24.ix.76 at Gateshead and given to Mr. A. Pringle who showed it to me. A fifth was reported to me taken at Newbiggin-by-the-Sea on 27.ix.76 by Mr. Priestley (J. D. Parrack). A sixth (male) was brought from Gateshead on 2.xi.76. It had been found in the morning by a cleaner and was dead but not stiff (J. M. Mulligan). — A. G. LONG, Deputy Curator, Hancock Museum, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ACENTRIA NIVEA (OLIVIER) AT LIGHT. — My experiences of this species in Cambridgeshire are similar to those of Mr. R. G. Warren in Staffordshire (*Ent. Rec.*, **88**: 136). In late July and early August 1975, I regularly caught *A. nivea* in fairly large numbers at night. Some entered the trap, but most fluttered dizzily on the sheet.

However, although I have caught this species close to potential breeding sites, I have also caught it in places which are a considerable distance from any surface water; a chalk-pit at West Wickham in Cambridgeshire is a particularly favourable locality. This adds weight to Mr. Warren's suggestion that we are witnessing a dispersal flight of this species. — P. J. JOHNSON, 7 Haverhill Road, Horseheath, Cambridge, CB1 6QR, 23.x.1976.

CALOPHASIA LUNULA (HUFN.) AND OTHER INTERESTING MOTHS AT FOLKESTONE. — In view of G. H. Youden's note of this species from Dover (*Ent. Rec.*, **88**: 267) on 30th July, 1976, it is worth recording that I took a specimen in fresh condition at m.v. at Folkestone Warren on 23rd June, 1976. The 190 odd species recorded at my single m.v. trap included *Ethmia terminella* (Fletch.), *Anania verbascalis* (Schiff.), *Aplasta ononaria* (Fuess.), *Setina irrorella* (Linn.), *Lithosia quadra* (Linn.), *Diacrisia sannio* (Linn.), *Standfussiana lucernea* (Linn.), *Anaplectoides prasina* (Schiff.), *Hadena albimacula* (Bork.), *Apamea furva* (Schiff.) and *Chilodes maritimus* (Tausch.). — S. E. WHITEBREAD, Hofackerstrasse 7, CH-4132 Muttenz, Switzerland, 5.xi.76.

AEGERIA VESPIFORMIS L. AND INACHIS IO L. IN M.V. TRAP. — 1976 has produced a record number of moths, though not species, in the m.v. trap in my garden. On the 19th July amongst 818 other specimens, I was surprised to find a single *A. vespiiformis*. I have not previously recorded this clearwing in the area, although we are well supplied with oak trees; there are four (two very large) in my own garden.

*Inachis io* L. has frequently been reported from m.v. traps, but it may be of interest to record that one was found